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APPEAL FROM LEXINGTON COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable Frank R. Addy, Jr. Circuit Court Judge

APPELLATE CASE NO.: 2014-000091

John R. Rakowsky, Respondent  
Adrian Falgione, Respondent

v.

James Spencer, *Pro Se*, Appellant

MOTION PURSUANT TO SCAR 212(b) TO REMAND  
AND SUPPLEMENT RECORD

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*Pro se* Appellant JAMES B. SPENCER respectfully moves this Court, pursuant to SCAR 212(b) for leave of the court to remand this case in order to supplement the record and in support thereof respectfully shows as follows:

1. This is a legal malpractice case that was resolved on a motion for summary determination. A remand is necessary to reconstruct the record because many pertinent documents cited by Judge Addy are missing from the court records and are also missing from Judge Addy's files, prejudicing the appeal against the Appellant. These documents include an *ex parte* overview provided to Judge Addy of the case by Judge Griffith's law clerk. Judge Addy further stated that, "I only received a copy of Judge Griffith's letter [dated May 30, 2013] last week.<sup>1</sup> And I received a copy of the - - most of the materials which had been provided to him [Judge Griffith]."<sup>2</sup> Judge Addy cited the overview and these unknown "materials" as the basis of his knowledge of the case. The missing overview and missing materials are needed to determine how and why issues were again litigated and existing rulings reversed and/or ignored, ones that had already been ruled upon by a prior judge who had authority to litigate this case.

2. Attached hereto as **exhibit "A"** are the relevant portions of the transcript of a proceeding before Judge Addy. On page 5 thereof, Judge Addy puts on the record

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<sup>1</sup> Attached exhibit "C." Judge Addy stated he did not review material until the day before the June 5, 2013 hearing. Tr. ,p. 5 This hearing was wrongfully scheduled by Judge Griffith who required the attendance of the parties without the authority to both require such attendance nor schedule the June 5, 2013 hearing.

<sup>2</sup> June 5, 2013 Tr., p. 5, lines 3-9.

that Judge Griffith was recusing himself from further proceedings in this case, because Judge Griffith is related to defendant Rakowsky's counsel.

3. Judge Addy goes on to state, that Chief Justice Toal had appointed Judge Griffith as administrative judge of this case and that Judge Griffith had talked to him the night before the hearing on the telephone.

4. However, Judge Addy never reviewed the case history, which was kept in the Lexington County Clerk of Court's Office; Judge Addy heard this case in Laurens County two hours from Lexington County. Furthermore, Judge Addy is a Greenwood County Judge.

5. At page 7, Judge Addy then stated that Judge Griffith's clerk prepared an overview of the case that was sent to him. This overview was used by Judge Addy in making his final decisions on the case. Furthermore, based on the overview, Judge Addy referred to the underlying case as a medical malpractice action that had apparently been settled. This overview and Judge Addy's authorization providing his authority to act as a judge and make decisions in this case is nowhere to be found in the court records nor Judge Addy's records (*emphasis added*). See the documents attached as **exhibit "B."** These documents confirm that neither the Lexington County Clerk of Court's office nor Judge Addy had received the written authority referenced by Judge Addy as the prerequisite for his making rulings in this case.

6. Appellant Spencer moved for a mistrial during the hearing; see **exhibit "A"**

pages 65 and 66 in the attached transcript, because of the redundant hearings on the same matters resulting in conflicting decisions and the lack of proper judicial procedural due process, which followed therefrom [under the 5<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments to the United States Constitution].

7. The Court Administrator confirmed that in fact Judge Griffith did not have the authority to appoint Judge Addy in this case, and did not have the authority to order the parties to attend the hearing in Laurens County on June 5, 2013 as the January 17, 2013 order was negated due to Judge Griffith's recusal. This was confirmed by the Chief Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court, the Honorable Judge Jean Hoefler Toal, who issued an Order on June 11, 2013, naming a replacement administrative judge for this case, thus confirming Judge Griffith's lack of authority due to a conflict of interest. Furthermore, Judge Addy knew or should have known he did not have the authority to make such rulings in this case<sup>3</sup> as he stated on the record that he would have to receive the written authority before he could make a ruling (*emphasis added*). Such authority was never received according

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<sup>3</sup> Judge Addy stated on the record during the June 5, 2013, hearing that the court administration will be issuing an order that will give me the authority to hear this matter, probably sometime early next week..."what I am saying is the order is in route it's just not here yet." Tr. P. 6. lines 19-20. "I will be taking the matter under advisement." Upon receipt of authority to rule, I will issue a ruling on the issue...June 5, 2013 Tr., p. 64, lines 5-7. The Lexington County Clerk of Court's Office, Freda Sartin, Judge Addy's administrative assistant, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Honorable Judge Toal, confirmed the requisite written authority was not received by Judge Addy. The only records available from the court administrator document Judge Griffith never had the authority to schedule the hearing of June 5, 2013 and order the parties to attend as he did in the May 30, 2013 correspondence. See exhibit "B."

to the office of court administrator and the court records in Lexington County, Laurens County nor in the Greenwood County clerk of court's offices. Furthermore, Judge Addy's office has no record of receiving the authority.

8. Despite his lack of authority due to his recusal, Judge Griffith rushed to have Judge Addy hear the case based on Judge Griffith's written overview of the case. That overview, the Order confirming Judge Addy's lack of authority, and the reassignment of the case by the Chief Justice Toal have all disappeared from the court files, **see exhibit "B."**

Each of these highly pertinent documents, including the summary and overview from Judge Griffith's office, documents that have now disappeared, were not allowed at any time to be accessible for review by the Appellant, and therefore the Appellant had/has no knowledge of the hearsay and *ex parte* documentation used by Judge Addy in reaching his decisions.

9. All the documentation that was purportedly received by Judge Addy, (Tr., p. 6, lines 2-9), has vanished from the court's files and Judge Addy's files. **See exhibit "C"** (correspondence from Judge Addy's Law Clerk, Freda Sartin).

10. Judge Addy was never given authority to hear this case, and the orders from Chief Justice Toal and any records to this effect, have all disappeared from the Lexington Court files and Judge Addy's files along with the documents sent from Judge Griffith, including the case overview.

11. This overview is critical to the case as it was a basis, and possibly is the sole basis, *emphasis added*, for the decisions reached by Judge Addy and was the basis for what was heard by Judge Addy during the hearing. The lack of procedural due process is in part evidenced by the fact that the vast majority of what was heard by Judge Addy during the June 5, 2013, hearing had previously been litigated and ruled upon by the Honorable Judge Barber, who had the authority to litigate this case. Furthermore, Judge Addy never considered the motions that remained outstanding that were ordered to be heard first by Judge Barber. These prerequisite motions would have impacted the motions Judge Addy submitted rulings on and therefore were established as prerequisites before the motions heard by Judge Addy.<sup>4</sup> The opposing counsel used this lack of knowledge of Judge Addy to misuse the June 5, 2013 hearing to raise issues already ruled upon by Judge Barber, rulings which were both ignored and or reversed by Judge Addy.

The *Pro Se* Appellant was not prepared for a rehearing of the previously litigated and decided issues as both the Appellant's understanding and preparation were for the outstanding pending motions identified in footnote number four. This

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<sup>4</sup> Pending motions included, (1) the motion to compel and stay any hearing on these matters until the remaining litigation funds from the underlying case belonging to the Appellant wrongfully withheld by defendant Rakowsky were released to the Appellant. Withholding these funds denied access to funding needed to obtain counsel by the disabled, indigent Appellant. The release of these funds was ordered by Judge Barber as a precondition for a hearing on any other motions in this case., (2) the amending of the complaint to remove parties not under the jurisdiction of the court, (3) motions compelling discovery both ordered by Judge Barber and agreed to by the defendants. Such discovery would have documented the defendants' further admission to malpractice, unequivocally negating the lack of expert witness defense in this malpractice action. June 5, 2013 Transcript, p. 64, lines 1-4, & 8-14.

is just one of the reasons the Appellant asked for a mistrial at the June 5, 2013 hearing. The *Pro Se* Appellant had no idea he was attending a hearing that had no authority to have been called in the first place and that Judge Addy had no authority to grant or rule against the motion for mistrial by the Appellant.

12. Appellant's motion for a mistrial during the hearing before Judge Addy for lack of proper procedures and procedural due process was denied. A remand is necessary to obtain the missing records sent by Judge Griffith to Judge Addy, and to document the lack of proper judicial procedural due process in violation of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments to the United States Constitution due to the reasons cited.

### **CONCLUSION**

The matters stated herein necessitate a remand for discovery based on the recently discovered documents showing the lack of authority of Judge Griffith to instruct Judge Addy to hold the hearing and to order the Appellant to attend the hearing. These missing documents and the missing documents both authored and or provided by Judge Griffith's office that determined the outcome of the unauthorized hearing must be put on the record for the appeal and a proper hearing for a mistrial.

### **MEMORANDUM OF LAW**

SCAR 212(b) confers the authority for this Court to remand the case for the purpose of supplementing the record.


Where, as here, portions of the record are missing, the proper procedure is to

direct the trial court to reconstruct those portions, following the process set forth in *China v. Parrott*, 251 S.C. 329, 162 S.E.2d 276 (1968), where the Supreme Court held that where portions of stenographic notes of a trial proceeding were lost before they were transcribed by the court reporter, it was proper for the trial judge to consider affidavits of plaintiff's counsel and the court reporter in determining what transpired. See *Koon v. State*, 358 S.C. 359, 367, 595 S.E.2d 456, 460 (2004) (recognizing a court's power to remand for a reconstruction hearing), overruled on other grounds by *State v. Gentry*, 363 S.C. 93, 105, 610 S.E.2d 494, 501 (2005); *Whitehead v. State*, 352 S.C. 215, 221, 574 S.E.2d 200, 203 (2002) (finding that when a transcript has been lost or destroyed, an appellate court may remand to have the record reconstructed); *Dolive v. J.E.E. Developers, Inc.*, 308 S.C. 380, 383, 418 S.E.2d 319, 321 (Ct.App. 1992) (trial court correctly granted property owner's request to reconstruct the record of zoning proceeding where portions of original tape of hearing were incapable of being transcribed).

For these reasons, the *Pro Se* Appellant humbly requests the motion for leave of court to remand for discovery based on the recently discovered missing evidence be granted as it is warranted.

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Dated: November 12, 2015

  
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1 MR. SPENCER: --- problem.

2 THE COURT: One housekeeping matter that I do need to  
3 take care of before we proceed: I only received Judge  
4 Griffith's letter last week. And I received a copy of the  
5 -- most of the materials which had been provided to him.

6 And the letter that I'm talking about is dated May the  
7 30th, in which Judge Griffith informed Ms. Dudgeon --  
8 Dudgeon, Mr. Bruner, and Mr. Spencer that he was recusing  
9 himself from further action on the case.

10 The letter also indicated that I would be able to hear  
11 these motions -- or the pending motions today. And in that  
12 material that I reviewed yesterday, it included the order  
13 of Judge Toal -- Justice Toal, rather -- dated January 17th  
14 of this year, which appointed Judge Griffith as chief judge  
15 for administrative purposes to hear this particular matter.  
16 Apparently, Judge McMahon and Keesley had conflicts on  
17 hearing the case.

18 I contacted court administration because I was a  
19 little concerned about the -- what was in the body of the  
20 order. It basically indicated that Judge Griffith had been  
21 appointed. Judge Griffith had been under the impression,  
22 based on a conversation I had with him last night, that  
23 because he was chief judge for administrative purposes, he  
24 could appoint this matter or assign this matter to me or  
25 some other judge.

1 THE COURT: All right.

2 MR. BRUNER: Yes ---

3 THE COURT: Very good.

4 MR. BRUNER: --- Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: If you could, bring me up to speed a  
6 little bit on what we are dealing with. Judge Griffith's  
7 clerk did prepare a brief overview. I know that this is a  
8 -- there's an underlying medical malpractice action which  
9 apparently had been settled ---

10 (Off the record briefly.)

11 THE COURT: --- legal malpractice. Okay. I'm sorry.  
12 Sorry.

13 MS. DUDGEON: Your Honor ---

14 THE COURT: Correct.

15 MS. DUDGEON: --- I'd be happy to give you a quick  
16 overview.

17 THE COURT: Please.

18 MS. DUDGEON: Again, Mandi Dudgeon for John Rakowsky.  
19 This -- we're here on a legal malpractice action. The  
20 underlying action was a 1983 action arising out of a 2000  
21 traffic stop and a lawsuit against Horry County and various  
22 other entities. That lawsuit, which I will call the  
23 "underlying lawsuit," was filed in 2006. So we are here on  
24 a legal malpractice action filed in 2011.

25 We have about, I believe eight ---

1 MR. SPENCER: Okay.

2 THE COURT: That -- I was going to hold those in  
3 abeyance, based upon -- because if the case is dismissed,  
4 it ---

5 MR. SPENCER: Well, it had to do with the parties to  
6 ---

7 THE COURT: Oh.

8 MR. SPENCER: --- the case.

9 THE COURT: To amend the complaint? We'll -- we'll  
10 cross that bridge if we come to it. If -- if the matter is  
11 not resolved through this hearing, I'm going to need to get  
12 a -- a lot more up to speed on the other motions.

13 My understanding, in all candor, concerning the  
14 hearing today was that I was dealing solely with the  
15 motions to dismiss and that we weren't going to be taking  
16 up these other matters. So I have not had a chance to --  
17 to review those as -- as thoroughly as I would to get as  
18 involved in the file as I would need to be to address  
19 discovery disputes.

20 MR. SPENCER: And, Your Honor, I'd like to also make a  
21 motion ---

22 THE COURT: Sure.

23 MR. SPENCER: --- under 59(b) that -- that this --  
24 because of the fact that they merged these two hearings,  
25 they tied these orders together of both these cases under

1 Judge Barber. This case was transferred out. It's become  
2 so convoluted, including the submission of ex parte  
3 information in the other case. I'd like to move for a  
4 mistrial on this.

5 THE COURT: All right. I appreciate your position. I  
6 don't necessarily disagree with your -- what you're saying,  
7 as far as the case becoming somewhat convoluted.  
8 Obviously, there's a lot of paper in front of you. There's  
9 a lot of paper in front of the defendants.

10 I'm not inclined to grant a motion for a mistrial,  
11 though. I don't really see any grounds for that. But I  
12 appreciate your concerns.

13 Very good. We'll be at ease on this. Thank you.

14 MS. DUDGEON: Thank you, Judge.

15 MR. BRUNER: Thank you, Your Honor.

16 MR. SPENCER: Thank you, Your Honor.

17 MR. BRUNER: Would you ---

18 THE COURT: Thank you.

19 MR. BRUNER: --- like proposed orders from the  
20 parties?

21 THE COURT: Not until I get authority from my boss,  
22 saying everything is good; go ahead and issue an order.

23 MR. BRUNER: Okay.

24 THE COURT: Thank you.

25 MR. BRUNER: Thank you for your time this morning,

1 In conversing with court administration last night,  
2 what they basically said was that -- that that's an  
3 incorrect reading of the Chief Justice's order, but that  
4 what they could do is get a -- do another order, in light  
5 of Judge Griffith's conflict; appoint somebody else as  
6 chief admin judge to hear this matter: either appoint me  
7 or appoint somebody else who could then assign it to me.

8 The gentleman, Motte Talley, who I spoke with late  
9 yesterday evening, told me that he's on vacation for the  
10 next two days so -- or next three days -- today, tomorrow,  
11 and Friday. So he was not going to be able to do an order  
12 last night in advance of this hearing. Usually, the way  
13 that we handle these things is that they're done *nunc pro*  
14 *tunc* when they eventually get around to it.

15 Is everybody okay proceeding today? is what I'm  
16 basically asking, with the anticipation that court  
17 administration will be issuing this order, probably  
18 sometime early next week, giving me authority to hear this  
19 matter. And -- and so basically what I'm asking is: Is it  
20 -- the -- what I'm saying is the order is en route; it's  
21 just not here yet. Everybody okay to go forward today?  
22 Mr. Spencer, you're all right with that?

23 MR. SPENCER: Yes, sir.

24 THE COURT: All right. Y'all are okay?

25 MS. DUDGEON: Yes, Your Honor.

1 THE COURT: All right. Here's what I'm going to do:  
2 We've been at this for two hours. The remaining motions,  
3 as I see it, relate primarily to discovery issues, timing  
4 issues, motions to quash. That's what we've got left.

5 I will be taking the matter under advisement. Upon  
6 receipt by the powers that be of authority to rule, I will  
7 issue a ruling on this issue.

8 Depending upon what I do after reviewing this, we may  
9 reconvene to address any other discovery issues, where the  
10 -- the remaining motions: namely, Motions 4 through 7 --  
11 defendant -- the defendant's motion to compel discovery  
12 responses, plaintiffs' motion to compel and stay hearing,  
13 defendant's motion -- and the two defendants' motions to  
14 quash.

15 So if I do not grant the defendants' motions to  
16 dismiss, we will reconvene and address those, since those  
17 relate to the actual merits and I would need to wade in a  
18 little bit deeper on this case factually in order to be  
19 able to rule intelligently as to those motions.

20 MR. SPENCER: Your Honor, there's ---

21 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

22 MR. SPENCER: --- two other motions that have  
23 presented before the Court.

24 THE COURT: Right. That's what I was just talking  
25 about.

**EXHIBIT "B"**

I am an employee or clerk of the Lexington County Clerk of Courts office and state the following regarding the files on Case No: 2012-CP-32-3428. I have searched the files for the following:

- A letter from Judge Griffith dated May 30, 2013, to Judge Addy referencing materials provided to Judge Addy.
- An Order from Justice Toal dated January 17, 2013, which appointed Judge Griffith as chief Judge for administrative purposes to hear specifically Case No: 2012-CP-32-3428.
- Any overview to Judge Addy on Case No: 2012-CP-32-3428 from Judge Griffith's clerk.
- Copies of any of the above records found are attached hereto for a total of \_\_\_\_ pages. Clerk's initials here.

Printed name of Emily L. Hinson  
Signature of Emily L. Hinson Date: 5-29-15  
Deputy Clerk of Common Pleas

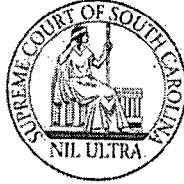
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June 24, 2015

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Re: Irene Santacroce, et al. v. John R. Rakowsky, et al.  
2012-CP-32-03428

Dear Mr. Sribnick:

Your letter addressed to Daniel Shearouse, dated June 20, 2015 has been forwarded to me for response. Per your request, I have enclosed a copy of two Orders issued by the Chief Justice in the above-mentioned matter. The first, dated January 17, 2013 assigns Judge Griffith to administer and prepare for trial the above-captioned matter. The second, dated June 11, 2013, rescinds the first Order, due to a conflict of interest, and assigns Judge Benjamin to serve in an administrative capacity for the above-captioned matter.

Should you require any further assistance, feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Tiffany B. Raines  
SCCA Staff Attorney

Enclosures

# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

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Plaintiffs,

v.

John R. Rakowsky, et al.

Defendants.

Lexington County  
2012-CP-32-03428

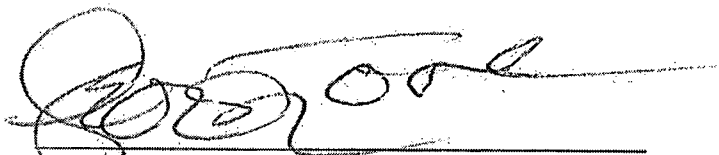
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## ORDER

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This matter is pending in Lexington County. The Honorable R. Knox McMahon, Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes (Civil), cannot act as Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes to administer this case. The Honorable William P. Keesley, Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes (Criminal), also cannot act as Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes to administer this case. Now therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the Honorable Eugene C. Griffith, Jr., as the Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes in the Eighth Judicial Circuit, be assigned as Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit (Civil) for the sole purpose of administering this case and preparing it for trial. Any judge subsequently appointed as Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes in the Eighth Judicial Circuit shall assume this responsibility



Jean Hofer Toal  
Chief Justice

January 17, 2013  
Columbia, South Carolina

# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

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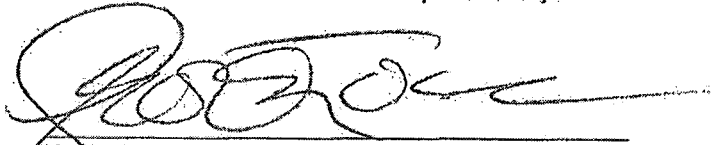
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## ORDER

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This matter is pending in Lexington County. The Honorable Eugene C. Griffith, Jr., Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes in the Eighth Judicial Circuit, was assigned as the Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes in the Eleventh Circuit (Civil) to administer this case and prepare it for trial. A conflict has arisen and he can no longer administer this case. Now therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the Order dated January 17, 2013 be rescinded and that the Honorable DeAndrea G. Benjamin, as the Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes (Criminal) for the Fifth Judicial Circuit, be assigned as Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes (Civil) in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit for the sole purpose of administering this case and preparing it for trial. Any judge subsequently appointed as Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes (Criminal) for the Fifth Judicial Circuit shall assume this responsibility.



Jean Hofer Toal  
Chief Justice

June 11, 2013  
Columbia, South Carolina

## Michael Sribnick

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**From:** Benjamin, DeAndrea G. Law Clerk (Stacy A. Williams) <[dbenjaminlc@sccourts.org](mailto:dbenjaminlc@sccourts.org)>  
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Dr. Sribnick,

Any documents related to this would be available through the Lexington County Clerk of Court's office. Furthermore, Judge Benjamin did not hold court in Lexington during the time period requested. She was Chief of General Sessions in the Fifth Circuit at the time. If you require further assistance, please contact Rosalyn Frierson at [rfrierson@sccourts.org](mailto:rfrierson@sccourts.org). She is with Court Administration. Thank you, and have a great day.

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**From:** Michael Sribnick [<mailto:legaldocumentation@sc.rr.com>]  
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**To:** Benjamin, DeAndrea G. Law Clerk (Stacy A. Williams)  
**Subject:** FOIA request for information....

Dear Ms. Williams:

Please consider this email a request under the authority of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Please provide copies of any correspondence and/or orders issued by the Honorable Judge De Andrea G. Benjamin or her office regarding Lexington County Case Number: 2012-CP-32-3428, Spencer vs. Rakowsky, et al., during the period of May 30, 2013 through September 30, 2013.

Please respond by email if no such document(s) exist and advise by email if they do exist and I will have a courier pick them up from your office for your convenience.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours truly,

Michael Sribnick, MD, JD  
Attorney for Jim Spencer

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**RE:** Our telephone conversation of October 9, 2015

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October 9, 2015

Ms. Freda Sartin  
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Via Fax: (864) 942-8581

Re: Case No: 2012-CP-32-3428 – Spencer, et al. v. Rakowsky, et al.

Dear Ms. Sartin:

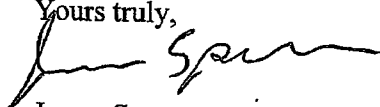
Thank you very much for your kindness in researching the records in the files at your offices today concerning the above case. As I mentioned, I am in the process of creating the required appendix for the South Carolina Appellate Court and I want to be certain I have all the documents. As we discussed this is a Lexington County Civil Case that was heard by the Honorable Judge Addy in Laurens, South Carolina on June 5, 2013.

There being no record in your files of Judge Addy ever hearing this case, I am sure is an oversight. However, you found a record that Judge Addy held court in Laurens on June 5, 2013 and heard two identified cases. It is my understanding that Judge Griffith appointed Judge Addy to hold the June 5, 2013 hearing on this case. However, the only record and/or document you found in your files concerning this case was Judge Addy's Order denying the Rule 59(e) Motion that I filed. As I understand it from our discussion, the 59(e) motion itself and any other documents generated regarding this case by Judge Addy and/or correspondence concerning this case from Judge Griffith or any other person or party, under court procedures, would have been sent to the Lexington County Clerk of Court's office for filing.

Before you send me the confirming email regarding this, would you kindly double-check the files. Perhaps a document was filed in a Judge Griffith correspondence file by error. Being *Pro Se* I just want to be certain, I am filing correct information in the Appendix.

Thank you very much; I am looking forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,



James Spencer

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Thank you very much. Have a great day.

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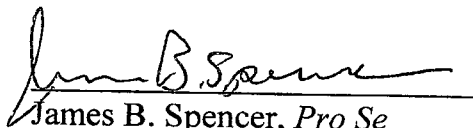
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I, James Spencer, *Pro Se*, Appellant, do hereby certify that the foregoing this day MOTION PURSUANT TO SCAR 212(b) TO REMAND AND SUPPLEMENT RECORD November 13, 2015, been served on the following person(s) by either mail, fax, courier or electronic transfer a true and correct copy, as follows:

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